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Anoka County Parks Programs and Activities

Check out Anoka County Parks for fun seasonal programs and activities. To register or for more information, call 763-324-3350 or visit anokacountyparks.com.

Bird Walk Series

- May 2, 9-11am; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- May 9, 9-11am; Bunker Hills Regional Park; 13101 County Pkwy B, Coon Rapids
- May 11, 9-11am; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; 7373 Main St, Lino Lakes
- May 16, 9-11am; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids
- May 22, 5-7pm; Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve; 7373 Main St, Lino Lakes

All Ages. Walk through one of Anoka County's beautiful parks with an experienced birder. Enjoy seeing or hearing 20-60+ species of birds along the way. A checklist of MN birds and a map of each area will be provided. All birding abilities welcome.

COST: \$5/person (+tax)

Nature Play: Incredible Insects

May 4, 10-11am or 1-2pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 2-5. Insects are super cool! Let's explore and see who we can find through outdoor play and a story! Pre-registration is required.

COST: \$8/child & adult (+tax), \$3 for each additional child

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Kids Fishing Clinic

May 6, 9am-12pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 5+. Children will learn about different lures, casting, boat and water safety, and more.

Everyone will receive a hot dog and chip lunch and children will receive a kit of fishing equipment and accessories! Check-in closes at 11 am. Pre-registration is not required.

FREE!

Wargo Nature Center Restoration Project Days

May 6, 10am -12pm; Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

Ages 12+. Help restore the natural environment at Wargo Nature Center! We'll tackle different challenges each month, such as removing invasive species like buckthorn and garlic mustard, cleaning up our woodland wildflower gardens, or gathering native plant seeds – depending on needs and group size each month. Meet outside the building before heading out to work on the morning's project. Pre-registration required.

FREE!

Birding by Boat

May 12, 9-11am; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

All ages. Anoka County has many great waterways and such great birding opportunities why not combine the two! We will paddle areas most other birders can't get to and see a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, and upland bird species. No experience in boats, or birding, is required.

Binoculars are available for use. Pre-registration is required. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

COST: \$10/adult (+tax), kids 17 and under are free

Fat Tire Biking

May 15, 4-6pm; Bunker Hills Regional Park; 13101 County Pkwy B, Coon Rapids

Ages 16+. Join us for a ride on our fat tire bikes as we cover basic riding skills. Riders will get the chance to ride off trail and explore more remote areas of the park. Pre-registration required.

Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Pre-registration required.

COST: \$25/person (+tax)

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Lunch with a Naturalist: Fish of Minnesota

May 17, 11:30am - 1pm; Wargo Nature Center; 7701 Main St, Lino Lakes

All Ages. Do you ever wonder what lives below the surface of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes? Bring your lunch and come learn a bit more about Minnesota's piscine wonders! These monthly presentations will include local natural or cultural history information and possibly a relaxing stroll on the trails at Wargo. Any equipment that may be used will be provided. Pre-registration is not required.

FREE!

Discover Mothing

May 19, 8:15-10pm; Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park; 9750 Egret Blvd NW, Coon Rapids

Ages 12+. Discover moths and other nocturnal invertebrates that are drawn to UV light. Mothing is a great way to explore the incredible diversity of nature. There are more than 12,000 species of moths in North America alone! Let us see how many different species can be identified. Pre-registration is required.

FREE!